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<b>Name of Activity</b>	<b>Cleaning &amp; Helping Drive in Flood Affected Region in Kolhapur District</b>
<b>Date of Conduction</b>	<b>11-12-2019</b>
<b>Organized by</b>	<b>National Service Scheme</b>
<b>Student Participated</b>	<b>70</b>

**Brief Report**

In August 2019, Kolhapur district experienced severe flooding, resulting in substantial damage to property and displacement of residents. Kurundvad, a town in Kolhapur, was particularly affected, with homes submerged, infrastructure damaged, and communities in urgent need of assistance. In response, the National Service Scheme (NSS) team of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University (BAMU), Aurangabad, undertook a dedicated cleaning and helping drive to aid the flood-affected residents. The objectives of the NSS team's intervention in Kurundvad included providing immediate relief, supporting clean-up efforts, assisting in rehabilitation, and raising awareness about health and safety measures to prevent disease outbreaks and enhance disaster preparedness. The team formed a team comprising volunteers, faculty, and disaster management experts, and collected relief materials, including food, water, clothing, medical supplies, and cleaning equipment. Community engagement was prioritised, with local authorities and community leaders identifying needs and planning effective interventions. Volunteer training was provided, emphasizing the use of protective gear and adherence to health guidelines.



**Motivational Speech By Hon'ble Vice Chancellor before the NSS Team departed for Kolhapur**



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**Glimpses of Relief and Cleaning Activity by NSS Volunteers on Field**



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Activities and implementation included an initial assessment of the affected areas, coordination with local authorities, distribution of relief supplies, cleaning and sanitation efforts, rehabilitation and restoration, and health and hygiene workshops. Over 500 families received essential supplies, providing immediate relief and reducing the impact of the disaster. Medical teams attended to more than 200 individuals, preventing potential health crises through timely medical intervention. Clean-up success was achieved by clearing major debris and waste from affected areas, significantly improving sanitation and reducing health risks. Effective sanitization measures minimized the risk of disease outbreaks, contributing to better community health. Infrastructure repair was completed, allowing families to return to their homes and children to resume schooling. Community rebuilding was initiated, with temporary shelters and repair of basic services helping stabilize the community and facilitate recovery. Health awareness and preparedness were enhanced through workshops and training sessions on hygiene practices, water safety, and disease prevention. Disaster preparedness training sessions were conducted to build community resilience against future disasters. University-community relations were strengthened, as the drive demonstrated Dr. BAMU's commitment to social responsibility and community support. Positive feedback from residents reinforced trust in the university's ability to provide timely and effective support during times of crisis. Challenges and solutions included logistical constraints, volunteer safety, and resource limitations. Solutions included coordination with local authorities, provision of protective gear, safety training, and strict adherence to safety protocols. Community feedback was positive, with community members expressing gratitude for the timely assistance and support provided by the NSS team. Residents suggested the need for more frequent disaster preparedness training and ongoing support for community resilience. Recommendations for future initiatives include regular disaster preparedness programs, expanded relief efforts, strengthened partnerships with local authorities, NGOs, and disaster management agencies, and continued community engagement. In conclusion, the Cleaning and Helping Drive conducted by the NSS team of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University at Kurundvad, Kolhapur, was a significant initiative that provided much-needed relief and support to the flood-affected community. The event not only addressed immediate needs but also contributed to the long-term recovery and resilience of the community.



  
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